

**From:** Environment Canterbury  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 March 2022 3:47 pm  
**To:** Have your Say  
**Subject:** Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Anonymous User just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

**First name**

Scott

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**Last name**

Mansell

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**Email address**

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**Suburb**

Ilam, Christchurch

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

No, I'm submitting as an individual

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**Which age category are you in?**

25-39 years old

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**Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?**

No

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**Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?**

Option 1 (preferred): Fare-free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders

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**Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.**

I actually dislike all three options here. Option 1, Free for under-25s is a half-hearted solution. It might motivate under-25s onto busses but it does nothing for older people. And it doesn't even provide the other major advantage of free buses, which is less bureaucracy and faster boarding times. People still have to scan their metro cards, and bus drivers are now going to be responsible for checking IDs to make sure people who are using under-25 cards are actually under-25 (I remember when I was 17, bus drivers always wanted to check my ID to see I was under 18). Option 2, Single-zone for \$2 means that inner-city bus riders are subsidising fares for people far away from town. Bussing in from Rolleston and Rangiora suddenly becomes a great deal, while local trips within chch are disproportionately expensive. If we aren't going to do free buses, I'd be quite happy with "cheap buses" with fares that are about half of what they are now. But, those fares should be proportional to the distance actually travelled. I don't want less zones. I want more zones and a proper tap-on, tap-off card system to replace metro card (ideally one that works with any contactless credit card). Option 3 is pretty much just "keep the status quo". I don't think it's worth discussing. If I had to choose any of those options. I'd choose option 1, simply because it kind of acts as a trial for proper free buses.

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**Any other comments on bus fares?**

IMO, the major advantage of free buses is increased efficiency. Less time and money wasted collecting fares. You simply don't get that by only offering them to under-25s.

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**Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?**

Yes

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**Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

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**Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?**

Yes

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**Where did you hear about the consultation?**

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)

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